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1. On 9 September 1953, 100 to 120 workers were observed at Parchim airfield. Most of them were engaged in grading work in the southeastern section of the field and some worked on the runway. Six newly constructed shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments were observed in the southeastern section of the field.¹
2. Since early September, a small number of Soviet soldiers have been observed at the field. The personnel are quartered at Dammer Weg, according to local residents. Ten to 12 large aircraft crates were stored in the southeastern section of the field next to the former hangars. Source thought it possible that additional crates were in the nearby woods or in the hangars.²
3. On 24 September, work on the runway was nearing completion; final work being done on the strips along the edges and the joints between the concrete slabs were being filled. Concreting work on the taxiway was started. The walls of the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments had recently been filled. The construction drawing, which was issued by the Soviet Air Force construction headquarters, did not clearly indicate whether 11 or 12 revetments were to be built.¹
4. During a trade-union rally at the construction site on 22 September, heavy verbal attacks were launched against construction superintendent Mueller (fnu). It was demanded that Mueller be replaced by supervisor Buchhaester (fnu).

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1. Comment. The report confirms that work on the runway at Parchim airfield is expected to be completed by early October 1953. Overhauling work on the taxiway and the construction of connecting lanes will probably be completed in the near future.

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2. Comment. The transfer of air force personnel and 12 tank trucks from Puetnitz to Parchim on 4 and 9 September 1953 is known from transportation sources. No definite information has been received on shipments with aircraft crates; the storage of such crates at Parchim airfield is reported for the first time. It is believed that the former training regiment for VPL personnel, which transferred from Welzow to Puetnitz in late August 1953, is scheduled to be retransferred to its former location, i.e. Parchim airfield.

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